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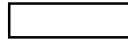
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- 25X1 1. Poland is attempting to solve her labor shortage by use of military units in the coal mines. The physical standard for the army has been lowered and individuals who formerly were rejected because of physical disabilities are now conscripted and given the choice of serving three years in the army, or spending one year at military training, followed by a second year working in the coal mines, and then joining the military reserves. Few of the recruits appear to be willing to work in the mines, and these special military mining units are concentrated in a few mines where almost the entire mining operations are carried out by soldiers under the guidance of civilian foremen and specialists. The coal mines at Zabrze (Hindenburg) are mined by these military units. The troops are commanded by KBW (Internal Security Corps) officers; they live in barracks, eat military food, wear old military uniforms, and are paid somewhat better than ordinary soldiers. They are expected to maintain military discipline and undergo a certain amount of military training.
- 25X1 [] such men are not given any free time. There is considerable propaganda among these units to encourage men to remain as miners after they complete their military service.
- 25X1 2. The 18th SP (Sluzba Polscy) Brigade is composed of about nine companies of about 150 men each, and primarily has been used during the summers for work on roads, railroads, and bridges, in the area east of Gdansk (Danzig). The brigade also has done some work in Silesia and in Krakow, and has been employed in construction of Nowa Huta. The 22nd SP Brigade, consisting of nine companies of between 130 and 150 men each, is permanently stationed at Sieniegnice (sic) on the Oder (Odra) River near Kozle (Cosel). This brigade is employed in the construction of a canal which will connect the Oder and Danube Rivers.
3. Infantry and artillery units from the 2nd Infantry Division are located at Sandomierz (R51/Q51), south of Warsaw on the Vistula River. The 2nd Infantry Division headquarters is located at Kielce, where there is a strong military garrison composed of infantry, engineering, KBW and UB (Security Police) units.

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4. The Armored Corps Officers' School (Szkola Oficerow Broni Pancernej) is located at Jelenia Gora (Hirschberg). It is believed that this school was established late in 1950.

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